

Roman Army School 2026



Dates

Friday 27th to Monday 30th March 2026

Venue

Collingwood College, South Rd, Durham, DH1 3LT Telephone +44 (0) 191 334 5000.

Theme - The activities of the emperor Septimius Severus in Britain and beyond

The initiative for this subject was the excavation of the palatial building at Carlisle dating to about 210, within the reign of Severus, by Frank Giecco. The speakers are Professor David Breeze, Mark Corby, Frank Giecco, Dr Nick Hodgson, Professor Rebecca Jones and Martina Meyr. Severus expanded the Roman empire on three continents and his policies and actions from Scotland to Iraq will be investigated. There will be a visit to the Roman fort at High Rochester on Dere Street, the route of Severus's army into Caledonia.

About Collingwood College

The Reception desk opens at 2pm. They will direct you to your room. Members of the RAS organising team will also be on hand to welcome you .

Getting to Collingwood College by car

County Durham is served by excellent trunk roads. The A1/A1M motorway provides easy access from the south. From the north, choose from the A1 or the A68 cross-country through Northumberland and Border Country. The A66 from the west provides a cross-Pennine route from the Lake District and the M6 Motorway.

Please be aware that the city centre is subject to a congestion charge of £5.00 per day. Collingwood College is outside the congestion zone.

There is limited car parking available at Collingwood College. Please let Reception know your vehicle registration number when you arrive.

Getting to Durham by public transport

Durham's bus station is served by National Express and by plentiful bus services operated by Arriva North East and Go North East. The coach park is at "The Sands" and the bus station is in North Road. The rail station is in North Road, Durham (postcode DH1 4RB).

Collingwood College is situated just to the south of Durham City centre and is a 30 minute walk from Durham station through the historic city centre of Durham. There is a tourist map on the platform.

Durham bus station is a 5 minute down-hill walk from the railway station and has several local services which stop just outside the entrance to Collingwood.

The College is a 5 minute taxi ride from Durham station. All the taxi drivers know the college, so you won't need to give them directions.

Lectures in the Penthouse Suite

The Penthouse Suite is on the first floor and is accessible by stairs or lift. Please ask for directions.

Evening Bar

Part of the enjoyment of the event is the opportunity to sit and chat with like minded people in a relaxed atmosphere. We have arranged for a bar to be open each evening. Please note that we MUST NOT bring our own beverages, as this would breach their licence and our terms and conditions.

Excursion

On Sunday, we have an optional excursion to High Rochester Roman Fort, north of Hadrian's Wall, and the nearby tombs on Dere Street. The terrain will be uneven so stout footwear and waterproof clothing are advised.

Sketch Map

